

# State of South Dakota

## EIGHTY-SECOND SESSION LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY, 2007

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### SENATE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 4

Introduced by: Senator Hunhoff and Representative Weems

1 A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION, Requesting all qualifying school districts in South Dakota  
2 to use the South Dakota Department of Education developed, and South Dakota Board of  
3 Education approved, Model Wellness Policy as a guideline.

4 WHEREAS, federal law now requires all local school districts participating in the National  
5 School Lunch Program to develop and implement wellness policies that address nutrition and  
6 physical activity; and

7 WHEREAS, in response to this requirement, the South Dakota Department of Education  
8 convened a work group consisting of health, physical activity, nutrition, and education  
9 professionals representing a variety of organizations, plus students and parents, to develop a  
10 wellness policy for local agencies; and

11 WHEREAS, the model wellness policy developed by the South Dakota Department of  
12 Education meets the new federal requirement and is based on science, research, and existing  
13 practices from exemplary states and local school districts around the country; and

14 WHEREAS, the Legislature commends school districts for implementing wellness policies;  
15 and

16 WHEREAS, the increasing rates of overweight young people and obesity among youth



1 threaten to jeopardize the future health and productivity of our children; and

2 WHEREAS, the South Dakota State Plan for Nutrition and Physical Activity states that  
3 thirty-three percent of South Dakota students are overweight or at risk of being overweight; and

4 WHEREAS, similar numbers are reported by South Dakota data for preschool children; and

5 WHEREAS, all foods and beverages made available on school campuses should offer  
6 children nutritious choices; and

7 WHEREAS, the Honorable Governor M. Michael Rounds has made improving the health  
8 of all South Dakotans a priority with his *Healthy South Dakota Initiative*:

9 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Senate of the Eighty-second Legislature  
10 of the State of South Dakota, the House of Representatives concurring therein, that the South  
11 Dakota Legislature requests all qualifying school districts in South Dakota to use the South  
12 Dakota Department of Education developed, and South Dakota Board of Education approved,  
13 Model Wellness Policy as a guideline.